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9	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2013 - 771	
12	CHRISTINE KIRKPATRIC, a.k.a.		
13	CHRISTINE ANNE WAGGÉNER, a.k.a. CHRISTINE ANNA MUNRO KIRKPATRICK	ACCUSATION	
14	15 Sunshine Farms Bigelow, AR 72016		
15	Registered Nurse License No. 376005		
16	Respondent.	•	
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19	Complainant alleges:	•	
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
22	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of		
23	Consumer Affairs.		
24	2. On or about August 31, 1984, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered		
25	Nurse License Number 376005 to Christine Kirkpatric, also known as Christine Anne Waggener,		
26	also known as Christine Anna Munro Kirkpatrick (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License		
27	expired on January 31, 2004, and has not been renewed.		
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
- 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1419.3, provides that a licensee may renew a license that has been expired for more than eight years by paying the renewal and penalty fees specified in Section 1417 and providing evidence that he or she holds a current valid active and clear registered nurse license in another state, a United States territory, or Canada, or by passing the Board's current examination for licensure.
- 7. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

action."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

8. Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

"(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DANGEROUS DRUGS

- 9. Code section 4021 states:
- "Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."
 - 10. Code section 4022 provides:
- "Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
- "(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription,' 'Rx only' or words of similar import.
- "(b) Any device that bears the statement: 'Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a ,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import . . .
- "(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
- 11. Percocet is the trade name for the combined generic substance Oxycodone

 Hydrochloride and Acetaminophen. It is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by

 Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(M), and a dangerous drug as defined in

 Code section 4022. It is a semisynthetic narcotic analgesic with multiple actions qualitatively

similar to those of Morphine. Oxycodone can produce drug dependence of the Morphine type and, therefore, has the potential for being abused. Repeated administration of Percocet may result in psychic and physical dependence.

12. Lidoderm is a local anesthetic that blocks nerve signals in the body. It is a dangerous drug as defined by Code section 4022. Local anesthetics should only be employed by clinicians who are well versed in diagnosis and management of dose-related toxicity and other acute emergencies which might arise and then only after insuring immediate availability of oxygen, resuscitative drugs, CPR equipment, and the personnel resources needed for proper management of toxic reactions and related emergencies.

COST RECOVERY

13. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct – Out of State Discipline) (Bus. & Prof. Code § 2761, subd. (a)(4))

14. Respondent has subjected her registered nurse license to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), in that on or about June 9, 2011, in a disciplinary action before the Arkansas State Board of Nursing ("Arkansas Board") entitled "In the matter of Christine Anna Munro Kirkpatick, RN License No. R53783," the Arkansas Board entered an Order placing Respondent's Arkansas registered nurse license on probation for two years. The Order required Respondent to comply with the following terms and conditions of probation: (1) within five days of receipt of the Order, send her license to the Arkansas Board so that it could be marked "probation"; (2) notify each present and future employer in professional nursing of the Order and the probation conditions on her license, and present them a copy of the Consent

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Agreement and Order; (3) if employed as a nurse, practice under an employer-monitored nurse contract; (4) cause her employer to submit a quarterly Performance Evaluation Report to the Arkansas Board; (5) immediately notify the Arkansas Board in writing of any change in name, address, or employer; (6) not work outside the State of Arkansas in another compact licensure state without the written permission of the Arkansas Board and the Board where Respondent wishes to work; (7) attend at least two weekly meetings of AA/NA or another Arkansas Boardapproved treatment program and submit quarterly reports and evidence of attendance to the Arkansas Board; (8) submit to random drug screens; (9) abstain at all times from the use of controlled substances, including alcohol, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner; (10) submit a quarterly personal report to accompany required data to the Arkansas Board; (11) execute any release necessary to give the Arkansas Board access to records; and (12) obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of nursing in Arkansas.

15. The Arkansas Board's Order was based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the Consent Agreement between Respondent and the Arkansas Board. The Consent Agreement found that on or about February 4, 2011, Respondent was terminated from Conway Regional Health System in Conway, Arkansas, after she refused to take a random drug screen. On or about January 26, 2011, while waiting to screen, Respondent allegedly told a coworker that she had taken another person's medication. Respondent admitted to an evaluator that when she is in pain, she takes Percocet or Lidoderm patches prescribed to her mother. Respondent also admitted that she takes high blood pressure medication prescribed to her mother. The Arkansas Board concluded that Respondent's conduct constituted sufficient cause to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline her Arkansas nursing license. In lieu of a formal hearing, Respondent agreed to issuance of the above Order and signed the Consent Agreement on or about May 30, 2011.